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UNITED STATES HOME DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE CORP,

Ca **17 CT 6218** 

Plaintiffs.

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DEFENDANT'S NOTICE
OF REMOVAL FROM STATE
COURT TO UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT

UNITED GENERAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Defendant.

TO THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND TO PLAINTIFF AND ITS ATTORNEY OF RECORD HEREIN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant United General Mortgage Corp. ("United") hereby removes the above-entitled action from the Supreme Court of New York, in and for the County of New York, to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441

Defendant United states that removal is proper for the following

- 1. On June 6, 2007, an action was commenced in the Supreme Confront of the State of New York in and for the County of New York, entitled American Home Mortgage Corp. v. United General Mortgage Corp., index no. 601885/07. A copy of the complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 2. The first date upon which defendant United received a copy of said complaint was June 6, 2007, when Plaintiff American Home Mortgage Corp. ("American") requested that the undersigned law firm accept service on behalf of

Defendaat United. A copy of the summons is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- 3. Removal of this case is based upon diversity of citizenship.
- 4. Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of New York. Defendant is a corporation incorporated in a state other than New York that has its principal place of business in Pennsylvania. The amount in controversy in this case exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. See Complaint, pages 5, 6.
- 5. Defendant has given written notice of the filing of this Notice to plaintiff, and has likewise filed a written notice of removal with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of New York, County.
- 6. This Notice of Removal is timely filed under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b); to-wit, filed within thirty days after service of the Complaint on the defendant.
- 7. The undersigned has read this Notice of Removal, and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, it is well grounded in fact, it is warranted by existing law, and is not interposed for any improper purpose.

Dated: July 2, 2007

ROPERS, MAJESKI, KOHN & BENTLEY

By:

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Jung H. Park (JP 1227)

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# EXHIBIT A

SUPREME COURT: NEW YORK COUNTY

AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE CORP.,

Index No.: 60/885/07

Plaintiff,

- against -

COMPLAINT

UNITED GENERAL MORTGAGE CORP.,

Defendant.

Plaintiff American Home Mortgage Corp. ("American Home"), by its attorneys, Zeichner Ellman & Krause LLP, for its complaint alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

#### FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 1. American Home is a New York corporation with its principal place of business at 538 Broadhollow Road in Melville, New York.
- 2. Defendant United General Mortgage Corp. ("United General") is a foreign corporation with its principal place of business at 1412 Walter Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18015.
- 3. On or about March 13, 2006, American Home and United General entered into an American Home Correspondent Agreement (the "Agreement") pursuant to which United General agreed to sell, and American Home agreed to purchase certain residential mortgage loans "in accordance with the terms and conditions of th[e]

Agreement and the AHM Correspondent Guide, as amended from time to time (the 'Guide')."

Section 6.5: Early Payment Default of the Guide provides, in 4. relevant part:

> American Home Mortgage reserves the right to require repurchase of any mortgage loan in which one or more 30day delinquency occurred in the three months following our purchase of the loan.

> The repurchase price to be paid to AHM shall be an amount equal to the outstanding principal balance at par of such Mortgage Loan plus accrued interest to the date of repurchase plus any reasonable cost or expense incurred by AHM relating to the repurchase. Such cost or expense as documented in writing by AHM including but not limited to the following: attorney fees, foreclosure fees, bankruptcy fees, property maintenance and inspection fees, escrow shortage, and corporate advances.

5. Section 8.94: Repurchase of the Guide, provides in relevant part:

[Defendant] shall have a period of thirty (30) days from ...its receipt of notice of any Breach to correct or cure such Breach. [Defendant] hereby covenants and agrees that if any such Breach is not corrected or cured within such thirty (30) day period, [defendant] shall, within such period, at AHM's option, repurchase such Mortgage Loan at the Repurchase Price.

Pursuant to the Agreement, American Home purchased two 6. mortgage loans from United General, both secured by the same real property, which are now in default as a result of delinquent early payments, and which United General is

obligated to repurchase from American Home pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

The two mortgage loans now in default (collectively, the "Mortgage Loans") are:

(a) Loan No.:

1354080

Borrower: Property:

Phillip H. Nguyen 6 New Light Place

Spring, Texas 77382

(the "First Mortgage Loan")

(b) Loan No.:

1354169

Borrower: Property:

Phillip H. Nguyen 6 New Light Place

Spring, Texas 77382

(the "Second Mortgage Loan")

- 7. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, American Home provided United General with due written notice of the default of the Mortgage Loans and demanded that United General repurchase them.
  - 8. The aggregate repurchase price for Mortgage Loans is \$644,352.93.
- United General failed to repurchase the Mortgage Loans despite
   American Home's demands.
- 10. By reason of the foregoing, United General materially breached its obligations to American Home pursuant to the Agreement.
- 11. Due to non-payment of the First Mortgage Loan, American Home foreclosed on said loan and at the foreclosure sale purchased the real property securing said loan (the "REO Property").

- 12. American Home now owns or beneficially owns the REO Property.
- American Home is ready and willing, and hereby offers to deed the 13. REO Property to United General upon payment of the aggregate repurchase price for the Mortgage Loans.
- 14. American Home requests that this Court award American Home judgment in an amount no less than the aggregate repurchase price of the Mortgage Loans, less the value of the REO Property.

#### FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

- 15. American Home repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 14 above.
- 16. Section 8.28: Acceptable Investment of the Guide provides that defendant warrants to AHM that:

No circumstances or conditions exist with respect to the Mortgage, the Mortgaged Property, the Borrower, the Borrower's credit standing or otherwise that could reasonably be expected to cause an investor to regard the Mortgage Loan as an unacceptable investment, cause the Mortgage Loan to become delinquent, or materially adversely affect the value or marketability of the Mortgage Loan.

- 17. The borrower's early payment default on the Mortgage Loans would reasonably be expected to cause an investor to regard the loans as an unacceptable investment because of their likelihood to become delinquent, or to materially affect the value or marketability of said loans.
- 18. By reason of the foregoing, United General materially breached its obligations to American Home pursuant to the Agreement.
- 19. American Home is ready and willing, and hereby offers to reassign the Mortgage Loans to United General upon payment of the repurchase price of said loan.
- 20. American Home requests that this Court award American Home judgment in an amount no less than the aggregate repurchase price of the Mortgage Loans, less the value of the REO Property.

WHEREFORE, American Home demands judgment against defendant as follows:

(a) on the first claim for relief, directing that American Home have judgment against defendant United General in the amount of no less than \$644,352.93, plus costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and disbursements, less the value of the REO Property;

- (b) on the second claim for relief, directing that American Home have judgment against defendant United General in the amount of no less than \$644,352.93, plus costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and disbursements, less the value of the REO Property;
- (c) for all appropriate interest, together with costs and disbursements of this action; and
- (d) for such further and other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York June 5, 2007

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SUPREME COURT: NEW YORK COUNTY

Index No.: 66/885/63

AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE CORP.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

UNITED GENERAL MORTGAGE CORP.,

Defendant.

#### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

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## EXHIBIT B

SUPREME COURT: NEW YORK COUNTY

AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE CORP.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

UNITED GENERAL MORTGAGE CORP.,

Defendant.

Index No.: 60/885/07

#### SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates New York County as the place of trial pursuant to CPLR 501.

To the above-named defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: New York, New York

June 5, 2007

**NEW YORK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE** 

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TO:

UNITED GENERAL MORTGAGE CORP.

1412 Walter Street

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE

CORP,

Case No. 07 CIV 6218

Plaintiffs,

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO

F.R.C.P. 7.1 (a)

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UNITED GENERAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Defendant.

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United General Mortgage Corporation has no parent corporations. No publiclyheld company owns more than 10% of United General Mortgage Corporation's stock.

Dated: July 2, 2007

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